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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Wednesday, 20 August 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy.

Regarding the Pilbara Underground Power Project (PUPP) for Karratha, Roebourne and Onslow announced on 17 July 2014, I ask:

1. Will the Minister advise which suburbs or localities are included in the recently announced project for Karratha, Roebourne and Onslow?
2. Will the Minister provide details of the specific allocations for the underground work in each of the towns involved in the recently announced project?
3. Which suburbs, part of suburbs or localities in the recently announced project were included in the original scope of PUPP?
4. For those included in (3), why were they not completed as originally planned?
5. Can the Minister confirm that all restoration work for private property, footpaths and streets in areas that were in the original underground Power Project has been completed?
6. To the extent restoration work has not been completed, will the Minister please give details of any outstanding work, when it is expected to be completed and why such a long delay has occurred?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

1. Yes; the remainder of non-undergrounded suburbs in Karratha including West Bulgarra, Pegs Creek, Nickol and the Light Industrial area, as well as the remainder of Roebourne and all of Onslow.
2. No. Horizon Power is unable to breakdown the budget for specific towns that have not yet been completed. To ensure that Horizon Power leverages the best outcome for the project through the tender pricing Horizon Power does not intend to release the budget per area as this will comprise the tender outcome.
3. All of Karratha not already connected to underground power, Onslow, Roebourne, South Hedland and Wedgefield.

4. There were significant cost escalations due to the cost of doing business in the Pilbara at the time, particularly for labour and rent. The original budget was independently verified by the Office of Energy at the time and validated by the major contractor who won the tender.

5. The Horizon Power scope for restoration works has been completed, however there are still ad hoc customer requests being received in Karratha for further restorations which are being responded to on an individual basis.

6. Horizon Power endeavours to repair customers' properties within 14 business days of receiving the ad hoc customer enquiry, depending on the nature of the repairs

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